



**Draft Minutes of Meeting of the Burlington Aging Council  
 Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> , 2022 3:00pm – 4:30pm**

*Denotes Co-Chairs		
Member Status	Full Name	April 19th
1 member representing an organization supporting New Americans in Vermont	Symphorien Sikyala	x
1 member representing a healthcare provider	Jeanne Hutchins, MA	x
1 member representing a long-term care organization in Burlington	Shawn T Hallisey	x
1 member representing an affordable housing organization in Burlington	Molly Dugan	x
1 member representing an organization working to fight food insecurity in Vermont	Jane Catton	x
1 member representing an organization providing advocacy and support for older adults in VT	Kelly Stoddard Poor	x
1 member representing a senior center in Burlington	Andrea Viets	x
1 member representing an organization providing mental health services in Vermont	Alison Miley	x
1 member representing an organization providing transportation services in Vermont	Jordan Posner	x
1 member representing the City's Community and Economic Development Office	Brian Pine*	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Barbara Shaw-Dorso	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Glenn McRae*	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Martha Molpus	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Charles J Messing	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Lorna Kay	x
Staff	Marcella Gange	x
1 member representing an organization advocating for racial equity, inclusion, and belonging in Burlington	Vacant	

1. [Motion to approve agenda 04 19 22](#)

Motion made by S Sikyala and second J Catton - unanimous

2. [Motion to approve minutes 03 15 22](#)

Request to add action items to future minutes.

Motion to approve J Catton and second C Messing – unanimous

3. Membership –

- Update on membership changes –M Molpus and LK Peal approved
- Upcoming Membership change is proposed as Jordan Posner is departing GMT.
- **ACTION: Chris Damiani, GMT's lead Transit planner is being advanced to the Mayor and Council for approval.**martha and kate and add in chris
- Update on outreach for a member representing an organization advocating for racial equity and inclusion – ongoing search for members - equity overlay in the work. Please promote and share

4. Working groups - brief report out from each group. See Working Group reports. By June the Legislature will have adjourned and several key bills that will impact our effort going forward will have passed; The State Aging Plan will be in review but moving forward; The AARP survey

will be complete, though data from it, especially focused on Burlington may take several more months.

**ACTION: Look to some future agendas for reports on the broader context that impacts our work.**

**(The BAC needs a place to store and access working versions of documents – CEDO staff to follow up.)**

**ACTION: The Housing Working Group proposal to advance the Home Share Vermont Pilot Incentive Program was approved by the Council.** Before advancing to Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee of City Council, the working group will add some refinements as discussed. They will report back at the May meeting.

5. Data Update: (Jane, Marcella) Zip code level data from community needs assessment (DAIL, Agewell) requested to have Burlington level data. No update from DAIL

6. State Aging Plan & Age Friendly Communities -Status (Kelly)

Comment period ends April 29:

[https://asd.vermont.gov/sites/asd/files/documents/VT%20State%20Plan%20on%20Aging%20DRAFT\\_2023-2026.pdf](https://asd.vermont.gov/sites/asd/files/documents/VT%20State%20Plan%20on%20Aging%20DRAFT_2023-2026.pdf)

Public comment is open through Friday, April 29, 2022. Written comments can be submitted electronically to Conor O’Dea at our State Unit on Aging at: [conor.odea@vermont.gov](mailto:conor.odea@vermont.gov) ([link sends e-mail](#)) or by mail to: Conor O’Dea, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, Adult Services Division, 280 State Drive HC 2 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0270.

**ACTION: BAC to comment. Provide any comments from your network or your review of the plan that you would like BAC to consider transmitting. Remember this should be Burlington-centric, as that is the charge of the Council. Be concise. Send to Marcella by Tuesday April 26. She will compile, Glenn and Brian review. We will try and send out to the whole council, though the turnaround is very tight.**

AARP Age Friendly Community Survey is out

Your answers will help inform EnVision Vermont: A 10-Year Action Plan for Aging Well. The survey is open through May 20th: <https://survey.cmix.com/796DACEC/G10DF6LT/en-US>

If you have questions or need a hard copy of the survey, call [1-800-642-5119](tel:1-800-642-5119) or visit <https://dail.vermont.gov/resources/legislative/older-vermonters-act>

**ACTION: All Council members help conduct outreach to their constituencies looking to get as many Burlington residents as possible to participate. As we identify any barriers (e.g., language) check in with Marcella to see if there aren’t city resources to help.**

7. Response to BAC Action Planning Requests (Brian)

- City Department inventory of programs, policies, and initiatives currently underway or anticipated directly or indirectly addressing the needs of Older City residents and workers; and identify planned outreach and survey efforts for 2022.

8. Upcoming

- Special Meeting (May 2) – Research Presentations by UVM MPA students – new invite
- Next meeting (May 17) - Agenda Suggestions; Discussion with City Council?

9. AOB

**ACTION: Future meeting Schedule set:**

**Social Inclusion/Engagement Working Group, May 2, 11:30am** (contact [Glennmcrae56@gmail.com](mailto:Glennmcrae56@gmail.com) for invite link)

**UVM MPA Student Presentations, May 2, 4-5:30pm.** Marcella will send out Zoom invite. This graduate student cohort will present out on their inquiry into focus areas of the Council to provide information and recommendations to stimulate future conversation and work by the Council. Areas include: the Mature Workforce; Racial Equity and Inclusion; Food Security; Civic Engagement; Family Caregiver Support; Meeting Mobility needs; Creating a Communications framework inclusive of all older residents in Burlington.

**Housing Working Group**

**Healthcare Workforce Working Group**

**BAC – Next Meeting, May 17, 3-4:30pm.** Agenda to be determined. Possible overview meeting with City Council, or a deep dive into another Working Group area.